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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number 09/872,769

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant
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Group Art Unit 1616
Examiner Name R. M. DeWitty
Attorney Docket Number 468899-6
(A-70600/RFT/DLR)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

Fee Submission required under 37

1.
 - a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
 - b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iii. Other One-Month Extension of Time
2.
 - a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
 - b. Other _____
3. The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. 468899-6(A-70600/RFT/DRL))

- i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
iii. Other Information Disclosure Statement

b.
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Request for Examination Fee: \$370.00
Petition for Extension of Time: \$ 55.00
Information Disclosure Statement: \$180.00

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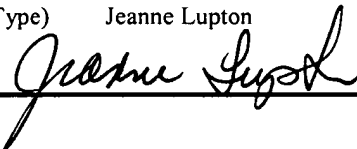
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action, dated July 16, 2002, in the above-identified application. Please enter the amendments and consider the remarks made herein, in response to the rejections made in the Office Action. Also submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination with a check for necessary fees. This response is timely filed with a one month extension of time and necessary fees. No other fees are believed to be due at this time. However, should the Commissioner determine otherwise, he is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. 468899-6/A-70600/ RFT/DLR).

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment and favorable consideration of the remarks that follow.